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your ER 1-6502, and  
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14 March 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. S. Everett Gleason  
Deputy Executive Secretary  
National Security Council

Attached is a detailed report submitted by G-2, PEC  
showing estimated Japanese casualties in the China area  
during the period 1937-1945 and total Japanese casualties  
in all areas of the Pacific Theater during World War II.

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**GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST COMMAND**  
Military Intelligence Section, General Staff

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27 February 1951

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**SUBJECT:** Estimated Japanese Casualties in the China Area During Period 1937-1945 and Total Japanese Casualties in All Areas of the Pacific Theater During World War II

**TO :** Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Department of the Army  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attached is a detailed report in reply to your radio request (DA 83286, dtd 13 Feb 51) for our estimated number of Japanese casualties in the China Area during the period 1937-1945 and the total Japanese casualties in all areas of the Pacific Theater during World War II. The attached documents, compiled by the First and Second Demobilization Bureaus, list the total known casualties by all causes during the period 7 December 1941 - 15 August 1945 and are the most accurate figures available.

2. A study of available Japanese records reveals that Japanese casualties from 1937-1945 were as follows:

China Area (1937-1941)	Army	168,807	
	Navy	7,345	
	Sub-Total	176,152	
China Area (7 Dec 41-15 Aug 45)	Army	203,851	
	Navy	39,197	
	Sub-Total	243,048	
Total China Area			419,200
Pacific Area (7 Dec 41-15 Aug 45)	Army	1,289,605	
	Navy	439,505	
Total Pacific Area			1,729,110
GRAND TOTAL			2,148,310

3. Attention is invited to the large number of Japanese who perished in the Southwest Pacific Area during the course of World War II. The figure reached almost half of the grand total of Japanese killed in all areas of combat. The toll in the Philippines was particularly heavy. The figures for SWPA are as follows:

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<u>Area</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Total</u>
New Guinea	104,963	19,223	124,186
Philippines	367,058	103,059	470,117
*Solomons	58,782	35,072	93,854
**Netherland East Indies	56,872	10,323	67,195
Borneo	<u>10,412</u>	<u>5,504</u>	<u>15,916</u>
Total	598,087	173,181	771,268

\*Includes Guadalcanal

\*\*Does not include Sumatra

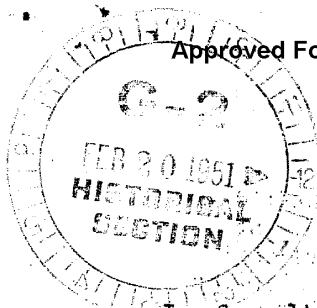
NOTE: Figures include civilian personnel attached to both services.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

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(7 Dec 41-15 Aug 45)

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DEMOBILIZATION BUREAU  
REPATRIATION RELIEF AGENCY

I. Casualties of Japanese Military Servicemen and Civilians  
(including death caused by battle) during the Period of  
Pacific War (from 7 Dec. 1941 to 15 Aug. 1945)

II. Number of the dead (war-dead and the dead caused by battle):

- A. Ex-Army Servicemen and Civilians.
- (a) Deaths whose records of death exist 1,240,075
  - (b) Presumed number of deaths whose records do not exist (deaths whose obituary notices were issued but no record exist and presumed deaths whose obituary notices were not issued). 49,530
  - (c) Total 1,289,605
  - (d) Break-down by geographical areas for the death is as shown in Table No. I attached.

Note 1: The above number is the total of figures resultant from the investigation into eighteen kinds of documents concerning the deaths now kept by each Assistance Section, such as 'Roster of the Dead' and 'List of Ashes' prepared by each Assistance Section and the roster, etc., prepared and submitted by each City, Town or Village Office. 770 man-days were spent in the above investigation.

Note 2: Presumed number of deaths whose records of death do not exist in (b) above should be mentioned as 'about 50,000' but the results of summing-up was mentioned above intact.

- (e) I-1 and III-1, Separate Sheet of FDB 538, in Reference (3) above shall be abolished.

- B. Ex-Navy Servicemen and Civilians.
- (a) Total of deaths 439,505 (equals to the figure mentioned in I-2, FDB 538, Reference (3) above).
  - (b) Geographical break-down for above is as shown in the Table II attached.

Note: This table was prepared by investigating into the documents concerning the dead by each District Demobilization Liquidation Division and the results of which was summed up by the Second Demobilization Bureau Liquidation Division.

III. Number of the wounded:

- A. Ex-Army Servicemen and Civilians.
- (a). Those who have taken proceedings for pension for functional impediments and the records exist: 33,967
  - (b) Those who have taken proceedings for pension but no record exists and presumed number of those who are expected to take proceeding for pension newly in the future: 19,061
  - (c) Total 53,028
  - (d) Geographical break-down for above is as shown in the Table III attached.

Note 1: Those who have taken proceedings for pension for functional impediments are the wounds stipulated in the Enforcement Regulations of Pension Law' of 1923--in short, functional impediments still left in the little finger of one hand or that in two toes of three toes except the first and second toes of one foot even after the medical treatment for more than three years.

Note 2: There may be a good many persons wounded slighter than above and the number of them can only be calculated based on presumption as this Bureau has no reliable data.  
In the first report concerning the number of the wounded Navy Servicemen and Civilians, the Second Demobilization Bureau Liquidation Division has had the data with which the total of the wounded was presumed as many as 6.5 times as that of the pensioners. But with regard to the former Army there is no such data and it is unreasonable to apply above ratio of the Navy to that of the Army.

Should that ratio be applied the total of the wounded of the former Army would be about 340,000. Moreover it is impossible, for the following reasons, to apply the ratio of the killed and the wounded basing on the historical statistics in former wars to that of the Pacific War.

Note 3: The number of the wounded is exceedingly smaller than that of the deaths being totaled about 1,300,000, which is unprecedented.

This is probably resultant from the fact that the wounded succeedingly took part in the battles without having been evacuated and were killed in them or died after they had been wounded.

Note 4: The figures were the results of the investigation conducted by the Assistance Sections in each prefectural Government into all the documents concerned--eighteen kinds in all including the documents submitted by the offices of each city, town and village.

2,290 man-days were spent in this survey.

Note 5: The presumptive number in (b) above should be 'about 20,000' but the results of summing-up was mentioned above intact.

B. Ex-Navy Servicemen and Civilians.

51,745 (equals to the figure mentioned in II-2, FDB 538, Reference-(3) above.)

The above figure cannot be geographically broken down as there is no record.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Takesu Kato

Chief, Liaison Section  
Demobilization Bureau

Area	Break-down		Deaths whose records exist					Records of death not exist		Total	Grand-total
	Death in action	Death caused by war-wound	sub-total Approved	Death from disease in front of enemy	Others	sub-total	Total	Deaths whose obituary notices issued but no record exists	Deaths whose obituary notices not issued		
(a) New Guinea	77,452	789	78,241	22,359	80	22,439	100,680	4,094	189	4,283	104,963
(b) Philippines	323,235	1,829	325,064	32,634	266	32,900	357,964	8,089	1,005	9,094	367,058
(c) Solomon Islands	33,489	1,709	35,198	21,786	94	21,880	57,078	1,682	22	1,704	58,782
(d) Gilbert "	159	19	178	41	0	41	219	60	1	61	280
(e) Marshall "	5,654	21	5,675	207	11	218	5,893	94	3	97	5,990
(f) Caroline "	3,527	51	3,578	3,541	35	3,576	7,154	171	1	172	7,326
(g) Palau	11,776	139	11,915	3,041	28	3,069	14,984	737	19	756	15,740
(h) Marianas	43,600	49	43,649	754	19	773	44,422	686	32	718	45,140
(1) Saipan	(22,798)	(17)	(22,815)	(193)	(6)	(199)	(23,014)	(237)	(15)	(252)	(23,266)
(2) Guam	(6,829)	(4)	(6,833)	(304)	(5)	(309)	(7,142)	(73)	(4)	(77)	(7,219)
(3) Tinian	(4,176)	(2)	(4,178)	(24)	(3)	(27)	(4,205)	(43)	(4)	(47)	(4,252)
(i) Iwo Jima	13,491	13	13,504	326	3	329	13,833	154	5	159	13,992
(j) Aleutians	2,464	2	2,466	36	1	37	2,503	213	2	215	2,718
(k) Okinawa	64,131	139	64,270	1,649	289	1,938	66,208	596	59	655	66,863
Main Island	(48,795)	(50)	(48,845)	(473)	(66)	(539)	(49,384)	(143)	(47)	(190)	(49,574)
(l) Manchuria	4,915	308	5,223	12,503	636	13,139	18,362	1,380	6,271	7,651	26,013
(m) China	93,526	7,768	101,294	89,319	1,826	91,145	192,439	10,574	838	11,412	203,851
(n) Malaya	4,303	227	4,530	1,406	104	1,510	6,040	837	20	857	6,897
(o) Netherlands East Indies	36,714	654	37,368	20,635	251	20,886	58,254	589	89	678	58,932
(1) Java	(1,201)	(58)	(1,259)	(714)	(81)	(795)	(2,054)	(114)	(16)	(130)	(2,184)

				(102)	(70)	(873)	(1,782)	(67)	(11)	(78)	(2,060)
(3) Other islands in N I E	(34,477)	(543)	(35,020)	(19,888)	(112)	(17,198)	(54,218)	(408)	(62)	(470)	(54,688)
New Guinea	(23,980)	(334)	(24,314)	(14,697)	25	(14,722)	(39,036)	(131)	(13)	(144)	(39,180)
(p) Burma-India	105,012	4,783	109,795	47,901	288	48,189	157,984	2,120	81	2,201	160,185
(q) North Korea	1,409	36	1,445	707	153	860	2,305	48	348	396	2,701
(r) South Korea	7,037	77	7,114	1,014	178	1,192	8,306	303	147	450	8,756
(s) Kuriles	3,018	25	3,043	398	73	471	3,514	119	51	170	3,684
(t) Sakhalin	1,293	7	1,299	101	15	116	1,415	33	94	127	1,542
(u) Borneo	5,109	105	5,214	4,776	29	4,805	10,019	378	15	393	10,412
(v) Indo-China	3,706	133	3,839	1,819	79	1,898	5,737	347	24	371	6,108
(w) Thailand	1,192	337	1,529	3,029	54	3,083	4,612	139	16	155	4,767
Area South of Isthmus of Kra	(122)	(7)	(129)	(102)	(1)	(103)	(232)	(5)	(5)	(10)	(242)
(x) Homeland	22,790	2,721	25,511	23,711	4,618	28,329	53,840	4,219	54	4,273	58,113
(y) Bismarks	11,068	223	11,291	3,675	54	3,729	15,020	815	15	830	15,850
(z) Formosa	15,675	367	16,042	3,264	314	3,578	19,620	410	23	433	20,053
(a <sup>1</sup> ) Andaman and Nicobar Is	249	5	254	433	8	441	695	31	2	33	728
(b <sup>1</sup> ) Wake I	151	2	153	329	4	333	486	16		16	502
(c <sup>1</sup> ) Minami Torishima	294	2	296	112	2	114	410	36		36	446
(d <sup>1</sup> ) Ogasawara	1,862	21	1,883	595	18	613	2,496	160	5	165	2,661
(e <sup>1</sup> ) Others	4,685	213	4,898	2,218	467	2,685	7,583	792	177	969	8,552
Total	902,985	22,774	925,759	304,319	9,997	314,316	1,240,075	39,922	9,608	49,530	1,289,605

Remarks: (1) As for the dead among Formosans and Koreans, those whose records of death exist (2,885 Formosans and 6,921 Koreans) are summed up in this table. But as it is difficult to presume the dead whose records of death do not exist, they are excluded from this table.

(2) Each area in this table includes the neighboring waters.



Table No. II

TABLE OF DEATHS OF NAVY SERVICEMEN AND  
CIVILIANS IN EACH AREA OF OPERATIONS  
FROM 7 DEC. 1941 TO 15 AUG. 1945

<u>Area</u>	<u>Breakdown</u>	<u>Death in action; death caused by war- wound</u>	<u>Death by other causes</u>	<u>Total</u>
(a) New Guinea		14,952	4,271	19,223
(b) Philippines		91,623	11,436	103,059
(c) Solomon (Bismark Is incl.)		24,654	10,418	35,072
(d) Gilbert (Nauru, Ocean incl.)		6,590	1,598	8,188
(e) Marshall		14,170	1,746	15,916
(f) Caroline (Palau excl.)		8,390	4,454	12,844
(g) Palau		4,990	1,211	6,201
(h) Marianas				
(1) Saipan		(20,491)	(73)	(20,564)
(2) Guam		( 6,501)	(15)	( 6,516)
(3) Tinian		( 7,569)	(24)	( 7,593)
Total		34,561	112	34,673
(i) Iwo Jima		7,881	52	7,933
(j) Aleutians		1,544	14	1,558
(k) Okinawa		18,511	1,253	19,764
(l) Manchuria		2	21	23
(m) China (Formosa & South China Sea inclusive)		33,142	6,055	39,197
(n) Malaya (Andaman, Nicobar incl.)		3,203	880	4,083
(o) Netherlands East Indies				
(1) Java		(2,441)	(339)	(2,780)
(2) Sumatra		( 603)	( 63)	( 666)
(3) Other islands in N E I		(6,313)	(1,230)	(7,543)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Breakdown</u>	<u>Death in action; death caused by war- wound</u>	<u>Death by other causes</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Total	9,351	1,632	10,989
(p)	Burma-India	1,514	122	1,637
(a')	North Korea	33	52	384
(b')	South Korea	1,950	209	2,159
(c')	Kuriles	6,481	196	6,685
(d')	Sakhalin	318	4	322
(e')	Borneo	4,470	1,025	5,504
(f')	Indo-China	4,410	97	4,513
(g')	Thailand	12	9	131
(h')	Homeland	27,491	22,877	50,369
(i')	Wake			
(j')	Minami torishima			
(k')	Ogasawara	43,160	5,722	48,891
(l')	Hawaii, Midway & other Pacific waters			
(m')	Atlantic	17	13	187
	Grand Total	364,020	75,479	439,505

Remarks: Each area in this table includes the neighboring waters.

Table No. III

Table of Wounded of Army Servicemen and Civilians in  
Each Area of Operations from 7 Dec 1941 to 15 Aug 1945

Area	Breakdown	The wounded whose record of wound exist and proceed- ings for pension taken	Presumed number of other wounded persons			Total
			A	B	Total	
(a) New Guinea		1,322	326	185	511	1,833
(b) Philippines		3,203	1,574	571	2,145	5,348
(c) Solomon		943	422	74	496	1,439
(d) Gilbert		3	4	3	7	10
(e) Marshall		101	16	20	36	137
(f) Caroline		258	30	5	35	293
(g) Palau		234	61	32	93	327
(h) Marianas		191	99	65	164	355
(1) Saipan		(80)	(29)	(13)	(42)	(122)
(2) Guam		(48)	(8)	(4)	(12)	(60)
(3) Tinian		(37)	(7)		(7)	(44)
(i) Iwo Jima		93	47	28	75	168
(j) Aleutians		34	1	1	2	36
(k) Okinawa		665	263	108	371	1,036
Main island		(479)	(124)	(36)	(160)	(639)
(l) Manchuria		1,859	1,225	466	1,691	3,550
(m) China		13,747	6,222	1,666	7,888	21,635
(n) Malaya		1,037	181	37	218	1,255
(o) Netherlands East Indies		1,028	556	188	744	1,772
(1) Java		(260)	(126)	(21)	(147)	(407)
(2) Sumatra		(204)	(78)	(14)	(92)	(296)

Area	Breakdown	<u>The wounded whose record of wound exist and proceed- ings for pension taken</u>	<u>Presumed number of other wounded persons</u>		<u>Total</u>
			<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	
	(3) Other islands in NEI	(564)	(352)	(153)	(505)
	New Guinea	(145)	(66)	(12)	(78)
(p)	Burma-India	4,115	1,297	331	1,628
(q)	North Korea	88	19	56	75
(r)	South Korea	145	67	15	82
(s)	Kuriles	175	43	28	71
(t)	Sakhalin	54	10	16	26
(u)	Borneo	120	47	16	63
(v)	Indo-China	509	145	61	206
(w)	Thailand	220	98	33	131
	Area south of Isthmus of Kra	(30)	(14)	(4)	(18)
(x)	Homeland	2,495	498	204	702
(y)	Bismark	677	232	56	288
(z)	Formosa	421	127	58	185
(a')	Andaman and Nicobar	18	5	2	7
(b')	Wake	3		1	1
(c')	Minami torishima	31	12	2	14
(d')	Ogasawara	136	46	15	61
(e')	Others	42	941	104	1,045
	Total	33,967	14,614	4,447	19,061

Remarks: 'A' in the column of 'Break-down' denotes those whose records do not exist but the proceedings for pension have already been taken.  
'B' in the same column denotes those who are expected to take proceedings for pension newly in the future.